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## **National Natural History Museum to inaugurate exhibit on Bolivian biodiversity in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy**

The National Natural History Museum in La Paz, will inaugurate on May 6 an impressive photographic exhibit called "Exploring Our Biodiversity", which shows the close relationship between Bolivians and nature in activities such as agriculture, textile production, and traditional ceremonies, as well as in the field of scientific research and biodiversity conservation.

This initiative has been developed with the cooperation of natural history museums of Santa Cruz, La Paz, and New York. The American Museum of Natural History in New York held the same exhibit earlier this year and Gabriel René Moreno University's Museum Noel Kempff Mercado, in Santa Cruz, inaugurated the exhibit on April 29. The exhibit in La Paz is held in preparation for the May 22 celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity.

The wonderful photographs to be shown in this exhibit were provided by outstanding photographers such as Willy Kenning, Hermes Justiniano, and Peter McFarren as well as other well-known Bolivian photographers and governmental organizations.

This exhibit in Bolivian museums has been possible thanks to the support of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, provided through the assistance of the Center for Biodiversity & Conservation of the American Museum of Natural History in New York and the United States Embassy in Bolivia, which initiated and coordinated the exchange between the Bolivian museums and the American Museum of Natural History.

This exhibit will be open to the public starting May 6 at the National Natural History Museum, located on 26 Street, Cota Cota. For more information call 279-5364 in La Paz.

(Note: If you want to get a photograph of the exhibit, please call the Press Office at the United States Embassy.)